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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of :
Seiichi Kawano :
Application No. 10/722,084 :
Filed: November 25, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. JP920000184US2/4134P :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 20, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

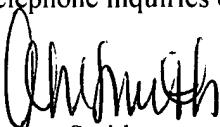
The application became abandoned for failure to respond to the non-final Office action mailed July 13, 2007. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 28, 2008.

It is not apparent whether the statement of unintentional delay was signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, in the event that petitioner has no knowledge that the delay was unintentional, petitioner must make such an inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If petitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, petitioner must so notify the Office.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment and specification; (2) the petition fee of \$1,540; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Therefore, the petition is **GRANTED**.

This application file is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2629 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3226.


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